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Admiral Arleigh Burke
Chief of Naval Operations
The Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Admiral Burke:

I want to extend to you, and to all personnel of the Navy concerned, warm appreciation for the rapid, effective and cooperative support you gave us in the recently terminated Operation [REDACTED]. You will recall that the necessity for this operation arose quite suddenly and that it was necessary for us to acquire substantial support, particularly in the way of base facilities, with virtually no notice. We were highly gratified at the alacrity which the Navy displayed at all levels in responding to our urgent request for assistance.

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Singling out individuals for commendatory comments is always a precarious business in an operation of this size, but I do wish to mention particularly Captain Bruce S. Weber, Office of Naval Intelligence (OP 922Y) and Captain Charles E. Houston, Commander of the Naval Air Station at [REDACTED]. Both of these officers showed a particularly high degree of cooperativeness and ingenuity in supporting Operation [REDACTED]. I should also mention that the cooperation extended well past our initial request. You will recall that our requirement for a base from which to operate was originally predicted on a tenancy of two or three weeks. As events developed, these few weeks stretched on to two and one-half months. We well recognize that this was done at considerable inconvenience to your planned use of the facilities, and it was especially pleasing to receive such assistance over a comparatively protracted period and somewhat in defiance of the ground rules originally agreed upon.

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I hope you will convey the thanks of this Agency, as well as my own personal thanks and congratulations, to all those personnel of the Navy who contributed so helpfully and professionally to our support.

Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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